

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1362  
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UPGRADATION OF NH-49  
Patle Kamla Devi

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has approved upgradation of National Highway No. 49 in Chhattisgarh on Build- Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis;
- (b) if so, whether the upgradation work has been included in the annual plan;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the upgradation work is likely to be started?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) Yes Madam. The section of NH-49 (old NH No. 200) in Chhattisgarh from Bilaspur to Orissa Border (Urdawal) is proposed to be upgraded to 2 lane with paved shoulders on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis under NHDP Phase-IV.
- (b) No Madam.
- (c) The expenditure by the Government towards pre-construction activities, land acquisition and disbursement of VGF etc. is to be met out by NHA through the dedicated cess fund for the NHDP projects.
- (d) The upgradation work is likely to be started after six months from the award of work. Since the project is being re-structured to include additional bridges and bypasses, it is too early to predict the likely date of award.